MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTEENTH DAY

Sunday, 18th March 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Atara Kacheri, Bangalore, on Sunday, the 18th March 1956, at Two of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER (SRI R. CHENNIGARAMIAH) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Government Press Employees.

Q.—212. **Sri D. VENKATESH** (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the Government Press employees as represented by their Association in regard to their grievances; if the answer is Yes, what are they?

(*b*) whether there was any tripartite meeting of representatives of the Government Press Workers, Management and Government in the chambers of the Hon'ble Chief Minister;

(*c*) what action in regard to their redressal has been taken by the Government?

A.—**Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA** (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes; *vide* statement appended.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) *Vide* statement appended in reply to (*a*).

Representations	*Action Taken.*
1 Grant of Holidays on Balipadyami and Buddha Pournima Day.	1. Holiday on Balipadyami has been conceded in lieu of New Year's Day as agreed to by the Press Employees. Regarding Buddha Pournima decision on Pay Structure Committee Report is awaited.
2 Reduction of rates for the sites allotted to the employees in the Rajaji Nagar Extension.	2. The matter is under consideration in consultation with the Bangalore Improvement Trust Board with whom the question is pending.
3 To waive the recovery of excess pay drawn by certain officials of the Proof Branch.	3. This has been sanctioned in G. O. No. M. 3220/21—P. & S. 20-55-2, dated 19th May 1955.
4 Revival of Steering Committee.	4. This was dropped in consultation with the Director of Stationery and Printing as the Steering Committee is already functioning.
5 Providing advances to officials for building houses through the Labour Housing Corporation.	5. This was not considered by Government as the matter has been taken up by the Department with the Chairman, Labour Housing Corporation.

(DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.)

Representations	*Action Taken*
6 To overhaul the Press Canteen on the Co-operative basis.	6. Government in their letter No. M. 10308— P. & S., dated 16th August 1955 have intimated that they have no objection to run the canteen on a co-operative basis.
7. To provide the spectacles to certain employees, free of cost.	7. The supply of spectacles free of cost to the Industrial employees of the Government Presses working in Composing and Proof Branches has been sanctioned in G. O. No. M. 18297-98— P. & S. 10-55-46, dated 28th November 1955.
8. Providing a building to the Press Employees' Association.	8. Deferred till the question of expansion of the Government Press is taken up in October 1956.
9. To re-organise the Press and to appoint an Expert Committee for the purpose to enable the employees to get suitable remuneration for the work turned out by them.	9. Decision on the report of the Pay Structure Committee is to be awaited.
10. To revise the scales of pay as per those obtaining in the neighbouring States of the Madras and Bombay Presses.	10 to 15. Decisions on the Pay Structure Committee Report are to be awaited.
11. To make the piece work system permanent.	
12. Abolition of separate grades for the Supervisory staff.	
13. To change the nomenclature "Industrial Establishment" to that of "Technical Establishment."	
14. To give double the ordinary rates of overtime allowance.	
15. To reduce the hours of work.	
16. To sanction increments to officials in the Ministerial Establishment pending due to passing of the Government Press and Allied Office Manual tests.	16. Government in their Order No. E. 8044-144—R. & P. S. 15-55-3, dated 5th August 1955 have allowed time to pass the Departmental Examination or tests to the officials of all Departments up to 15th June 1956.
17. Exemption of all Technical higher grade posts from the Public Service Commission Rules.	17. It is a large question involving recruitment policy which will take some time as the Public Service Commission has to be consulted.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I know Sir, what were the points suggested by the Hon'ble the Chief Minister for acceptance by you at the time of the Meeting ?

*Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—At the time we discussed the matter, the Chief Minister suggested that the Representatives of the Press, myself and the Secretary should sit down and go into details of each one of the representations that they have made. We suggested that the question regarding the salaries, services etc., must go before the Pay Structure Committee, whereas other questions could be discussed in my office. That way, we discussed the whole thing and we have come to agreement on many of the points.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I bring to your kind notice, Sir, item 1 on page 8 regarding the Buddha Purnima ? Will the Government be pleased to grant leave to that extent ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—We had between us, two holidays in question, the Bali Padyami and the Buddha Purnima. We have decided about Bali Padyami and I was glad that the staff were willing to come to some understanding with us. Regarding Buddha Purnima, as has been stated, the Pay Structure Committee is going to decide the number of holidays ; we said we would wait till that report was received.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—Pending that, Sir, is it possible for the Hon'ble Minister to kindly consider that also favourably ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—As the Hon'ble Member knows, we have too many holidays and it is a matter of national importance and so I thought that it would be better to wait till the Pay Structure Committee decisions were considered.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I draw your kind attention to item No. 16 ; may I know whether the Minister will be pleased to tell me whether there was a departmental examination held previously, Sir ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—About sanctioning increments to those who had been made permanent, I have been informed by the Director that increments have been given to everybody who had attained that particular age. I am glad to tell you that.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—Will the Government also conduct the examinations contemplated as early as possible?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will look into that.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—Thank you.

Protected water supply to Villages with a population of over a thousand.

Q.—14. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the policy pursued by them for providing protected water supply to villages having population of over a thousand ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

Under this scheme individual village or groups of villages having a population of not more than 5,000 inhabitants each are taken up for providing water supply. Preference is given to villages having electric power. Availability of a suitable source of water, incidence in the area of water borne diseases, ability of the Village Panchayet to share a portion of the cost and to maintain the supply after completion are also taken into consideration while selecting villages.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮಾಧವಾಚಾರ್.—ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕೊಡುವ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇವಲ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಹಣವಾಲದು ಎಂದೂ, ವಿಸ್ತಾರವಾದ tanks ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದೂ ಮನವಿ ಬಂದರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹಣವನ್ನು allot ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನಾವು ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರದಿಂದ ಏದು ಸಾವಿರದವರೆಗೂ ಪ್ರಜಾಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ

* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.